

**ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY COMMITTEE**



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Regulatory Flexibility Committee

I. STATUTORY AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL DIRECTIVES

Under IC 8-1-2.6-4, the Regulatory Flexibility Committee is required to monitor competition in the *telecommunications industry*. The Committee is required to consider the following issues:

- (1) The effects of competition on available subsidies used to maintain universal service.
- (2) The status of modernization of the public telephone network in Indiana and the incentives required to further enhance this infrastructure.
- (3) The effects on economic development and educational opportunities of modernization.
- (4) The current method of regulating telephone companies and the method's effectiveness.
- (5) The economic and social effectiveness of current telephone service pricing.

Under IC 8-1-2.5-9, the Committee is also required to monitor changes and competition in the *energy utility industry*, including the following issues:

- (1) The effects of competition or changes in the energy utility industry and the impact of the competition or changes on the residential rates.
- (2) The status of modernization of the energy utility facilities in Indiana and the incentives required to further enhance this infrastructure.
- (3) The effects on economic development of this modernization.
- (4) The traditional method of regulating energy utilities and the method's effectiveness.
- (5) The economic and social effectiveness of traditional energy utility service pricing.
- (6) The effects of legislation enacted by the United States Congress.

Under IC 24-4.7-3-5, the Committee is charged with receiving updates from the Attorney General's office regarding the state's *Telephone Privacy* program.

II. Introduction and Summary of Work Program

The Committee did not meet during the 2002 interim and therefore made no findings or recommendations.